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The month of November is one in which all the UCY Clubs partake in special events to show their devotion to St. Michael the Archangel. This saint is the patron saint for all Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Canada. It is fitting that on this day the members either take or renew their UCY pledge and make promises to uphold and honor the promises of the pledge.

Though some clubs had a communion breakfast in their own parish, there were others who gathered together to celebrate this day. The St. Josaphat's Cathedral UCY were hosts to all the other clubs in Edmonton.

A collection plate was passed around and with the expenses of the breakfast deducted the profit of \$20.35 was donated to the YOUTH magazine. This certainly was a commendable act for the Edmonton clubs to do.

The Hallowe'en Dance attended by the Edmonton members brought in a profit of \$33.00.

The YOUTH is extremely low in funds at present and both of these sums certainly were needed. I would like to thank everyone who participated in these events which aided the magazine.

A letter has been received from Saskatoon of plans being made to raise some money for the magazine in the future which is also encouraging. I am sure the other dioceses will be there in step working for our magazine. If we all get together there will be no doubt that we will be successful. Please do your part in order to have this dream come true.

It is my pleasure to announce Mary Bohoslavic as the Assistant Editor of the YOUTH magazine. Mary is past secretary of the St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY in Edmonton and a very hard working person.

Both of us are very interested in this magazine and will work to make it readable both for your knowledge and enjoyment. We only ask your sincere co-operation in helping us to achieve this aim

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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To our readers . . .

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ADVENT AND YOUTH

By Father R. Martyniuk, C.SS.R. Spiritual Director of Sts. Peter and Paul UCY, Saskatoon

When John the Baptist was a mere boy, he left his parental home and went out for a training and education. He did not go to college or university; no, "he went out into the desert", we read, and it was in the desert until his manifestation to Israel. In the desert he grew and was strengthened in spirit; his garments were of camel's hair; his meat was locusts roasted at the fire and a little wild honey. What a lesson for us youth today. All truly great men, all manly characters, came, as a rule, from poor homes. John the Baptist, they were men of toil and labor. This was the foundation of their future greatness. They were used to privation and hardships.

Dear youth, your lot may be hard at times. But remember what the Holy Ghost says: "Blessed is the man who has borne his yoke from his youth". The older you grow, the more you will realize that it pays to be good while you are young.

Many a man in his forties has said: "I would give a fortune, had I known at 16 or 18 what I know now." In my young priestly life I have many times seen men weep and shed tears. The bitterest tears I have seen were

the tears of a dying man in his ninties. After his confession and Holy Communion I assured him that he was ready to die. He said: "Yes, Father, but I was so bad when I was young. Oh, if only I could make the sins of my youth undone." And then he wept most bitterly and seemed to be inconsolable.

Dear youth, try to be good. It pays to be good whilst you are young. "Walk in all the commandments of the Lord without blame." Observe now especially during Advent the 4th and 6th commandments. If you disregard the 4th commandment, you invite the curse of God upon yourselves. If you violate the 6th commandment, you make old age miserable for yourselves.

I once saw a picture, a painting of an old white - haired man sitting on a stump of a tree weeping bitter tears. It bore the inscription: "Thus do the sins of youth torture old age."

Therefore, I say in conclusion, do not come with your sins on Christmas morning. Prepare the way for the Lord to your hearts now during Advent. Do penance. Observe the vigil of feast and abstinence. Cleanse your soul and purify it it in the

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Sacrament of Penance. Make your Christmas Confession before the great feast comes. Purify your hearts and sanctify your souls by your sincere Christmas Confession and devout Christmas Communion. Then dear youth, the graces and the

blessings, the peace and joy for Christmas will be yours in the fullest measure.

Purify your hearts. Sanctify your soul during Advent. In the stable of Bethlehem all is holy. Be you, dear youth, also holy.

TEENAGERS AND THE MERCY OF GOD

By Father R. Martyniuk, C.SS.R.

One of the greatest needs of teenagers today, with all their truly serious problems, is a greater knowledge and understanding of God's mercy. This, above all, will give to so many of them the hope and courage they need to "keep trying to be good" in a day when it certainly is not easy to do so. The cards are stacked against most of teenagers and youth, with all the outside evils surrounding them. Many of them quickly give in to despair, and feel "Oh what's the use" when they are involved in moral temptations and problems seemingly beyond their capacity to resist or control.

Many teenagers and youth feel there is little use trying to fight against the evil, because they are no match for it. Boys find it particularly hard to resist when girls, sometimes even Catholic, dress immodestly and make the struggle against the flesh almost impossible to win. Further, many boys feel they would only by hypocrites to keep going to confession, when they know they will eventually end up doing the same thing the next time they were out on a date, so why bother confessing?

Dear teenager and Youth — How the devil must love such an argument as this, for if a teenager or any youth persist in such a line of false reason, Satan practically has won that soul to torment in the fires of Hell for all eternity. All he has to do is bide his time and he has plenty of that. Eternity is for a long, long time; it is forever.

Teenagers and Youth should know that God understands them better than they do themselves. He knows all of their problems, trials, doubts, cares and their inner conflicts. He will help them if only they will give Him the chance; if only they will keep on trying to be good. They can be thankful Al-

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mighty God will be their judge in eternity, and not men. He will take into consideration the times in which they live, the many evil influences surrounding them, their environment, and the circumstances of their falls. He will show mercy in proportion to their trust in Him, and their efforts to try to do better, no matter how many times they may fall.

When David had sinned with Bathsheba, whose lawful husband he had conveniently arranged to be killed in battle, he had a choice of being punished by God or man. Wisely he chose to be punished by God because He would show mercy, whereas man often would not.

Our merciful Saviour told Sister Josepha Menendez in regard to sinners: "I love those who after the first fall come to Me for pardon. I love still more when they beg pardon for their second sin. And should this happen again, I do not say a million times, but a million million times I still love them and pardon them, and I wash in My Blood their last as fully as their first sin.

"I am God, but a God of love. I am a Father, but a Father full of compassion and never harsh. My heart is infinitely wise, and knowing human frailty and infirmity. stoops to poor souls with infinite mercy — Many believe in Me, but few believe in My love, and among those who do, too few rely on My mercy!

Many know Me as their God, but how few trust in Me as their Father — I will teach sinners that the mercy of My heart is inexhaustible, I will reveal to souls the excess of My love, and how far I will go in forgiveness — When I forgive, I forget."

Speaking through the nun, Jesus said to teenagers and youth:

"If you are still young, if already the scandals of your life have lowered you in the eyes of God, do not be afraid - even if there is reason to treat you as a criminal, to insult and cast you off, your God and Father doesn't wish you to fall into the flames of hell. On the contrary, He ardently desires you to come to Him that He may forgive you. If you dare not to speak to Him, because you are afraid, at least look at Him, and let the sighs of your heart reach Him. At once you will find His kind and fatherly hand stretched out to lead you into the springs of pardon and life.

There is, dear teenagers and youth, only one sin which can put a soul beyond the mercy of God, and that is the sin of despair, which He says He cannot forgive. Yet, many of our teenagers and youth give in to despair when they run away from God in the Sacraments — the only One Who can truly help them in their many problems. What a sad mistake. Never give in to despair. So long as there is breath of life, there is

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hope in God's mercy. Where there is mercy there is hope; if there were no mercy, there could only be despair, which is what Satan wants.

In this, then, dear teenagers and youth, is the hope of you young people — the mercy of God. Our Lady of Fatima asked for sacrifice and penance. For you this would mean trying as best as you can to avoid the occasions of sin, such as immodest movies, TV shows and filthy literature, and bad com-

pany. But above all making the sacrifice necessary to get out of bed and go to daily Mass at least twice in the week, go frequently to the Sacraments of mercy and love; Confession as often as necessary, and Holy Communion as often as possible.

If you do all this, dear teenagers and youth, you young people will pass safely from teenagers and youth to ault men and women, and will become responsible, decent and happy future citizens of tomorrow.

ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT SASKATOON

on February 29 and 30

Delegates Study How to Conduct Better Meetings

The annual convention was marked by a fairly good attendance. About 40 delegates and guests participated from ten locals. Not all locals in Saskatchewan were represented: however, many of those who did send representatives, sent more than the minimum one or two. This was gratifying to see, as this made it possible for a greater percentage of UCY members to benefit directly from the convention program.

Registration took place on Saturday morning. The afternoon session started with brief addresses by Rev. Father Iwaszko, UCY provincial chaplain, and Rev. Father Schudlo. After the election of a nominating com-

mittee, the reading of the provincial executive report, and the treasurer's report took .place. We then proceeded to the part of the program that was really the highlight of our convention. This was a workshop on the theme of "How to Conduct Better Meetings". This was conducted by Glen MacKenzie and Tom Harder of the Adult Education Branch of the Department of Education. They gave by example and comment many pointers on how to improve meetings, attendance and tried to deal specifically with problems that are bothering our own Because so many valuable ideas arose from the discussions, it might be of value if I listed some of these points, and might just include a pointer that will nicely solve the problem for some clubs now having difficulties — and who isn't?

How to get participation:

Each person is unique —we want each person's ideas. Therefore it is necessary that we know how best to make each person speak up. Here are some ideas:

Introductions at first meetings:

Paired introductions (each member introduces his or her neighbor).

Use any mixers that you find in party game suggestion books.

Introduction in small groups. Importance of the chairman:

Changing the pace so that the meeting does not become bogged down or monotonous.

Learning the personalities of the members:

Have a welcoming committee. Ask people directly to do something if you know that they have the ability. Make an effort to find out what special talents people do have. Don't wait for them to offer — get them involved. People like to feel needed.

Ask direct questions of the shy person — even if it is to get only a yes or no.

Keep at the level of the group.

Make the problem understandable to all. Define it well.

Make sure the groups knows something about it.

Cause direct involvement.

Reduce dull things to a mini-

mum. -

Start on time; end on time. Set a time convenient to most.

Keep business as short as possible.

Once in a while, have a complete switch in order. e.g.:—have coffee first. Then conduct your meeting even over coffee.

Arrange your seating so as to make it informal, and conducive to talking, not only to be lectured at.

To get a better response from your members, try to "talk to the neighbor" technique. Then give a minute or two for writing down ideas.

Occasionally, silence from the chairman. The group will speak from sheer embarrassment.

By the way, if you have doubts in your mind as to whether you should even bother trying these ideas, because you are sure they won't work, we can assure you they do. Glen and Tom tried them on us — we've never seen such wonderful participation from an audience.

How to get Members Interested and Improve Attendance:

The chairman asursed us that these are problems common to all organizations. A common element must exist between the individual and the organization. We start on the assumption that people are not interested, and try to gain their interest. Many pitfalls were suggested, simply by having the members of the group write down why they do not always

attend. From this discussion arose the following ideas.

Attempt to get people involved.

Work with what you have. Through example, the idea will catch on. This is slow going, but a small nucleus is frequently as good as a great mass. Do not underestimate the value of a small group.

Have a good agenda.

Act as apostles — draw in new friends.

Create an atmosphere where new ideas are respected.

Try a personal approach based on the individual's basic needs, rather than society's value system.

Conserve your energy. Don't involve yourself in too many organizations.

How to have interesting Programs:

By the way, if your executive is wracking its brains trying to find some ideas around which to build some interesting programs for the year, here is a rather unique approach to the problem:

Take a few evenings to divide your members into groups, and come up with a list from each group of things they might like to do in the course of the year in a social and recreational line.

- the educational line,
- spiritual line,
- cultural line.

Put a time limit on this. Have the groups reconvene. When you have a list of about

30 or 40 topics (and you probably will), have the members vote on which of these they would most like to do within the very near future. This should bring about good participation from your members, and your spiritual, educational and cultural, and social conveners will do a much more creditable job of organizing these since they already know that this is what the people want.

This brought an end to a very profitable afternoon.

We took a group picture, attended a banquet at St. Peter's and Paul's auditorium, where His Excellency addressed a few words to us. The evening ended with a dance.

Sunday's sessions started after Mass and breakfast. Reports were read from the various locals. The trophy for the best club went to St. Peter and Paul's UCY of Saskatoon, on the basis of reports received from the club over the past two years.

A new executive was elected as follows: President, Orval Natyshak; vice-president, Al Shalansky; recording secretary, Iris Saganski; corresponding secretary, Marie Swystun; treasurer, Ed Petras; fifth member, Wally Woitas; auditors, Merv Smolinsky, Marie Wacyk.

During the discussions that followed, it was decided to hold a provincial UCY Queen contest, in which each club is to select a queen. Choice of winner will be on the basis of ticket sales in THE YOUTH Page 9

proportion to the number of members. Proceeds are to go to the clubs and towards paying the debt on the Youth magazine. This ticket sale is now in full swing, and we are all eagerly anticipating February when the winner will be crowned here in Saskatoon.

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON WILL YOU BE? . . .

Life is not soft for anyone and in the end the kind of a person you will become will really depend on you. It is up to you what you will make of yourself. Neither the school nor the world owes you anything. They may provide you with opportunities but whether you build on them or ignore them will really depend on you. It is no use to blame your school if you end up with no education. Probably there will be others in your class who will use the knowledge given to them in class and really become citizens in society which one can be proud of.

First of all you should know yourself. Really try to figure out just what kind of a person you are but try to do this honestly. Do you feel you are satisfied with yourself or could you improve on certain habits for e xample? People are very anxious to see how others regard them and this is especially true of teenagers. Therefore, if your home, school and companions are ones which strive to encourage you to do better this is very helpful for you. As you are trying to do better you will develop self-respect for yourself in fulfilling genuine achievements.

Actually one begins to develop from infancy since the family is indeed an important factor in the development of a person. A child who is accepted, loved and given responsibilities in the home will also grow up into a more easier adaptable individual as he is maturing into adulthood. In a family where these are missing one will find the child growing resentful, bitter, with little incentive to do bet-Though the home environment wasn't conducive to a good development of yourself - now as a teenager you are beginning to reason for yourself. Why not overcome this upbringing and instead strive to come forward developing yourself. what you can do. Many people which are the most outsanding people of today have come from slums and broken homes.

As teenagers you tend to imitate others around you whether good or bad and therefore be careful of your companions. It is no use hanging around with a gang that will spend the rest of their lives on street corners (in Canada the winters are quite cold).

Teenagers tend to be clumsy

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in handling articles but this will pass as the individual matures. One should develop self-confidence to help overcome this. Use your possibilities to improve yourself otherwise you will lose the sense of being a person.

Trying something new in life will always involve anxiety. Teenagers gain maturity by developing new responsibilities day by day till they are able to make their own decisions and move from parental dependence.

Some people fear they cannot fulfill their responsibility and evade it. It may be these people who will cheat in class during exams. They feel they just have to prove to their family that they can have high marks. Whom are you cheating? By failing to face reality, you are undermining yourself. You gain self-confidence only if you are able to face up to life as it comes and take responsibility for situations you created.

Do not make excuses of why you are not able to do things since probably if you were offered some good advancement or position you would turn it down anyway. Work toward tackling your own problems.

You may feel that it is hard to develop yourself into mature men and women but prayer and frequent Holy Communions will aid you much. Remember to rely on our Lord's and His mother's help since they will be most happy to be able to do this for you.

ETIQUETTE TIPS

BREAD: A slice of bread or a dinner roll served at table is not cut with a knife but is broken with fingers. A slice of bread is broken in half, then one half broken into smaller sections. A roll is held firmly in the fingers of both hands and broken apart gently; small pieces, easy to handle, are buttered and eaten as desired. buttering, bread or rolls should be kept on the bread and butter plate. A portion of crust may be used as a pusher if aid is needed in getting an elusive piece of food onto the fork.

BEING INTERVIEWED When being interviewed by a prospective employer, be time, conservatively and neatly dressed, and talk enough to give him the information he requir-Do not talk too much; do es. not repeat your story and absolutely never launch into an account of family or personal problems, or trouble with former employers. If the interview indicates hopeful prospects, do not ruin them by pestering the employer for a decision; make it easy for him to telephone you or enquire if you may call him. Do not overstay and, if you are a woman seeking work, it is your prerogative to offer shake hands at the conclusion.

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TELEPHONE — Speaking distinctly but not loudly, knowing what has to be said and saying it pleasantly, are important points to remember. A cheerful attractive voice is a social asset and of great value in business.

Interrupting, monopolizing the conversation or the line, are to be avoided. It is inconsiderate to telephone someone either socially or at business and launch into a long discussion without first enquiring, "Are you busy at the moment?" or "Have you a few moments to spare?"

Never ask the person at the other end of the line who is speaking.

If a wrong number is reached it is incorrect to ask, "Who is speaking?" or "Who are you?". The approved method is to repeat the number wanted and if the wrong connection has been made, apologize for troubling the other person. No one should ever conclude a telephone conversation without saying goodbye.

When it is essential to use the telephone in the home of a friend, permission should be asked and the call kept as short as possible. Long distance calls from the home of another are to be avoided but if absolutely necessary the operator should be asked for time and charges and a memo left for the hostess or host, stating this and date and time of call. Most important of

all, the money must be left at the time of the call, in payment.

Using the telephone in the hotel room of another is to be avoided, but if it must be done the call should be kept short and the money to pay for the call left with the room's occupant.

When a telephone conversation is cut off, the person who placed the call should be the one to call back.

THANK YOU: No one is likely to say "thank you" too often. When any courtesy is performed, even a small one, there should be no hesitation in expressing appreciation in this manner. Waiters who lead the way to a table, the usher in a theatre, sales clerk in a store, elevator operators, all appreciate a "thank you".

A man who holds open a door, gives a seat on a bus or street-car, picks up dropped parcels, should be thanked. In the family this rule of politeness is observed just as rigidly as when outside or with others.

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EDMONTON U.C.Y. MEMBERS RENEW PLEDGE ON DAY HONORING ST. MICHAEL

By Alexandra Nakonechny, Press Chairman, St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY.

An outstanding event, a corporate Communion and Breakfast in honor of St. Michael, was participated by over one hundred members on Sunday, November 11.

The group received Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass everyone gathered in the church auditorium for breakfast. Father Greschuk led the group in prayer, which was followed by a hymn, "O Christ Be Welcome Among Us."

Breakfast was served by the Catholic Women's League and also some of the mothers of the youth. The chief chef was Stan Chicak.

Chrys Dmytruk, president of St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY thanked the ladies for the lovely breakfast, and as a token of our appreciation the group sang "Mnoha Ya Lita".

Chrys then introduced the head table which included the following:— Father Greschuk, Spiritual Director of St. Josaphat's Sr. and Jr. UCY and the diocesan executive; Father Skwarok, guest speaker; Leonard Prosko, president of St. Josaphat's Jr. UCY; Phil Nimchuk, president of St. Basil's Jr. UCY; Andy Fednyk, president of Holy Eucharist UCY; Bill Sereda, president of Obnova; Les-

lie Doroshenko, secretary of St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY; Chrys Dmytruk, president of St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY.

Chrys gave a few words on St. Michael who is the UCY patron saint and also the patron saint of the Ukrainian people. St. Michael showed us what is right and what is wrong. To us he is a challenge — a challenge to work for God and for our Church. To work for Church we can begin by becoming active in our club. Would it not be pleasing to our patron saint if each and every one of us resolved within ourselvesfor nobody can force you to work for God - to become active and start working with our club. There is no limit to what youth can do in a parish.

He went on to say, that we, as the clubs in the diocesan capital, have a further task. We should and must be the leaders. We should work so that smaller clubs can take inspiration from us. Chrys also suggested that Edmonton should form a Regional where all our Edmonton activities would be coordinated and through this coordination we will have strength. must be a few thousand Ukrainian Catholic youth in Edmonton, and yet how many do we ever see? Therefore to make ourselves seen we must join forces and a Regional is the answer.

Following this the group renewed the UCY pledge.

This also being Remembrance Day, Merve Hunchak, vice-president of St. Josaphat's Srs., asked the group to rise and observe two minutes' silence in memory of those who gave their life for us and our country.

Chrys then introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Skwarok, OSBM. Father Skwarok has his Masters in Education, is the spiritual director of the Obnova Club (the University club for Ukrainian students) in Edmonton, and also the Director at St. Josaphat's Institute for Boys. Father spoke on the history and accomplishments of Ukrainian people after 70 years of settlement in Canada and our heritage, for we have much to be proud of.

Chrys thanked Father Skwarok on behalf of the group, for the very interesting and informative talk.

A collection plate was passed around and with all the expenses for the breakfast taken into account, there was \$20.35 left, which is being forwarded to the Youth magazine for the press fund.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC

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INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL U.C.Y. MEMBERS ACROSS CANADA TO ATTEND QUEEN CARNIVAL ON FEBRUARY 16 - 17

The 1963 UCY year is a memorable one in our history. Twenty five years ago, in 1938, the first UCY club in Canada was started in our own province of Sask., at Hafford.

To make this 25th Anniversary Year a truly memorable one for all the clubs in Saskatchewan, we have initiated an Inter-Club Carnival Queen Contest.

Each club has chosen one girl to be their candidate in this contest, and the club members are selling books of tickets in support of their candidate.

The winning candidate is going to be the girl representing the club which sells the highest average dollars worth of tickets per member. In this way, every club in Sask. big or small, is going to have an equal chance to have their lady crowned "Queen of the Provincial UCY Carnival".

A big mid winter Valentine Weekend UCY Rally is going to be held on Saturday and Sundya, February 16 and 17 in Saskatoon. At the dance on Saturday evening at Sts. Peter and Paul Church auditorium, the crowning of the "Queen" will take place. A terrific program is being worked out for the Saturday and Sunday festivities!

Proceeds of the ticket sales

are going to be divided — half the amount collected by each club will be returned to the club, with the other half going to the Provincial UCY executive to be used in assisting the Youth magazine press fund.

The Diocesan Executive would like to invite visitors from all UCY clubs across Canada to come to Saskatoon to attend this gala event and to enjoy the hospitality of the "City Beautiful".

—Orval S. Natyshak, Provincial President.

What is the largest Eastern rite in the Catholic Church?

The largest is the Ukrainian Catholic rite, or more correctly the Byzantine Ukrainian rite. The expression Greek Catholics has often been used in the past when referring to Ukrainian Catholics.

What is meant by the word rite?

Generally speaking, the word rite is used to indicate the external performance of some act or deed which has been hallowed by continuous use and tradition. For example, we have parliamentary rites practiced in parliament, family rites used at weddings, and coronation rites practiced at the coronation of kings and queens.

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What is meant by Christian rites?

It is that manner of performing all of the various services for the worship of God and the sanctification of men, including among these services the offering up of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the administration of the Sacraments, the recital of the Divine Office, the carrying out of all other religious and ecclesiastical functions, ceremonies, public devotions and sacramentals.

The sum total of all these individual rites can be called a rite as one of the variety of rites found within the folds of Christ's Church. It is in this latter sense that we speak of the Latin, Byzantine, Syrian, Mozarabic, Coptic, Ethiopic, Chaldean, Ambrosian, Maronite rites, etc.

In addition to Latin is Mass said in any other language in Catholic churches?

Yes. Mass is said in 12 or more different languages every day of the year. The Ukrainian Catholic priest says Mass in the Old Slavonic language, which is a dead language. Mass is also said in Coptic, Syrica, Geez (Ethiopic), Arabic, Greek, Rumanian, Armenian, Georgian, Magyar, and Malayalam Indian. In addition other langes are used in the Byzantine - Slavonic rite which are not strictly litur-

gical, but the use of the vernacular for the convenience of the faithful is being practised. Therefore Mass is being said in such modern languages as Ukrainian, Russian, German, Esthonian, English, etc.

What is the origin of rites?

Every religion, even a pagan religion, has its own inherent rites. The early pagans had rites on the proper manner of worshipping their gods and bringing them sacrifices.

In the Old Testament the Jews were obliged to follow the prescribed ritual scrupulously whether they found themselves in the temple or in the privacy of their own home. The Jews received many of their prescriptive laws on rite from God through the great prophet Moses, and other outstanding leaders of the chosen people. Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind and His mother, the Virgin Mary, obeyed these laws literally and exactly.

Christ came on earth not only to preserve the Old Testament given to the Jews by God but to fulfill it in the New Testament. He brought the unbloody Sacrifice of the New Testament in place of the bloody sacrifices of the Old, and the sacraments to aid the salvation of souls. Christ is the founder of the Christian religion, of Christian morals, and of the

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Christian cult.

In the first few centuries there were no rites as we have them now. The presiding priest, following the example of Our Lord, improvising the prayers, gave an edifying address on passages of Holy Scripture, consecrated the bread and wine, and then received and distributed it in Holy Communion.

The apostles and their successors first established themselves in greater centres from which the missionaries evangelized the outlying districts. It was not long before the principal churches developed their own form of worship which was copied by all churches associated with or dependent upon them.

Soon the bishops of the greater centres began to reserve to themselves the exclusive power to legislate as to what pertained to ecclesiastical discipline and divine worship. Gradually the patriarchs began to assume the same responsibility for their larger and more inclusive patriarchal territories. Consequently in the west the Roman rite supplanted all other rites; and in the east five major rites were developed: Alexandrian, Antiochene, Byzantine, Chaldean, and Armenian. Many other rites were derived from the first four of these major eastern rites.

Christ was content to found the general forms of worship He required from His faithful and left the details to His apostles and their successors, or in other words, to His Church. The elements of Christian cult come from Christ Himself, and the development or unfolding of rites came from the apostles, bishops and fathers of the Church who received their authority from Christ Himself.

From — The Largest Eastern Rite in the Catholic Church by Father J. Skwarok, O.S.B.M.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT IS AT WORK

The vice-president is at work....

Do not be a vice-president only in name, but one who is fulfilling his position. Not only do you cover the president's absence but you are always there giving support, encouragement and ideas to the president. The two of you should work in close harmony for the good of your club.

One of your tasks would probably be to keep in closer contact with the committee chairman to give them aid and guidance. At the same time you should have the necessary information for the president on how all is coming along.

Perhaps you could spend time on planning the program of the year for your club. If you have the various speakers, parties, plays and other activities roughly planned, the president will bring these up and on approval of the members they will be brought to the attention of the various committee chairmen.

Though you are not the key person in the executive you are the second one in command. Perhaps it will be a training ground for you to become president next year. Your personality and leadership qualities are similar to the president. You are a good example as a Catholic who

fulfills his duties to the Church as well as to the UCY club. Your sense of responsibility, sense of humor, intelligence and enthusiasm are all necessary. There are many qualities you should have. Many of these you will improve by the experience you achieve. It is certain at the end of your term you will be a much more mature person.

THE PROGRESS OF UKRAINIANS IN CANADA

(Taken from a talk by Father Skwarok who spoke to U.C.Y. members at the Communion Breakfast)

He first gave a short history of the living conditions in the Ukraine. In the 17th century the Ukrainian Dynasty had fallen and the Fuedalistic Aristocratic Order, known as "Panschizna" took over. Under this system the Ukrainian people were slaves to the landowner (Paun), who was in complete control of all the land and the The serf was called serfs. "chlop". The serfs were taxed for everything leaving them very little to live on. Finally in 1848. Ferdinand I of Austria abolished the "Panschizna", but the peasants still had to pay the "Paun". Therefore, life in the Ukraine still was not easy.

People heard about Canada and decided to start a new life here. Messrs. Wasyl Eleniak and Ivan Pillipiw were the first pioneers to come from the Ukraine and settle in the Edmonton area. This was in 1891.

Some of the first pioneers had to live in dugouts as they did not have enough time to build before winter over took them. There were no churches, schools or halls. The pioneers were very poor, and even if there were schools available many could not attend. There were very few priests in the West. It wasn't until November 1902 that the Basilian Fathers arrived in Edmonton. Other religious groups tried to take advantage of our people by trying to turn them away from their own religion and join theirs. had to fight these and other complications constantly.

That was 70 years ago. Much has been accomplished since then. We have our own churches and priests. Most of the Ukrainian people now are well educated. We have Ukrainian people in almost every field (senators, M.P.'s, judges, lawyers, doctors, and others). Therefore we must be proud of our Ukrainian pioneers and our heritage, for we have much to be proud of.

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